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### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING BOARD MEMBER INITIATIVE

**SUBJECT:** Proclamation to Recognize January 18 – 22, 2021,

as Constitutional Officer Week in Loudoun

**County** 

**ELECTION DISTRICT**: Countywide

**CRITICAL ACTION DATE**: January 19, 2021

**STAFF CONTACT**: Jeanine Arnett, Chief of Staff to Chairman Randall

**PURPOSE**: This Proclamation, declaring the week of January 18 - 22, 2021 as "Constitutional Officer Week in Loudoun County" will help the citizens of Loudoun County to familiarize themselves with the services provided by the five elected constitutional officers and honor their service.

**RECOMMENDATION**: Chairman Randall recommends approval of this Proclamation.

**BACKGROUND**: Loudoun County's Clerk of the Circuit Court, Commissioner of the Revenue, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff and Treasurer continue a tradition of local administration of government functions that predates the American Revolution. These constitutional officers and the deputies who serve in their offices provide the people of Loudoun County with a direct link to their government at the local level, unfiltered by bureaucracy and responsive to citizen's needs and the constitutional officers in Loudoun County are setting new standards of customer service, innovative service delivery, and responsiveness that fellow constitutional officers and other public servants in Virginia emulate.

#### **DRAFT MOTION:**

1. I move that the Board of Supervisors approve this Proclamation to Recognize January 18-22, 2021, as Constitutional Officer Week in Loudoun County.

#### **ATTACHMENT:**

1. Proclamation

#### LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA

# **PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS Article VII, Section 1, of the Virginia Constitution provides for the direct election of local officials charged with the critically important duties of maintenance of public records, operation of the circuit courts, prosecution of criminals, protection of the public, and the administration and collection of local revenues; and,
- WHEREAS Loudoun County's Clerk of the Circuit Court, Commissioner of the Revenue, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff and Treasurer continue a tradition of local administration of government functions that predates the American Revolution; and,
- **WHEREAS** these constitutional officers, deputies and employees who serve in their offices provide the people of Loudoun County with a direct link to their government at the local level, unfiltered by bureaucracy and responsive to citizen's needs; and,
- **WHEREAS** the constitutional officers embody Thomas Jefferson's ideal form of representative democracy which provides for direct accountability to the people by virtue of the people's right to vote for their constitutional officers; and,
- **WHEREAS** the constitutional officers in Loudoun County are setting new standards of customer service, innovative service delivery, and responsiveness that fellow constitutional officers and other public servants in Virginia would do well to emulate.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, that the week of January 18 through January 22, 2021, be designated as

## **Constitutional Officer Week**

in Loudoun County to coincide with the Commonwealth of Virginia's state designation of constitutional officer week in Virginia.

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Loudoun County Board of Supervisors
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